

GRAYSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JOINT MEETING WITH SCHOOL BOARD  
DECEMBER 12, 2006

A joint meeting of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors and the Grayson County School Board was held December 12, 2006. Board members attending this meeting were: Ralph Tuggle, Thomas Maynard, Doug Carrico, Joe Vaughan, and Larry Bartlett. Mr. William D. Ring also attended this meeting.

Ms. Elizabeth Thomas commented regarding the school facilities improvement plan. The plan includes 5 schools as opposed to 10. Operational costs are expected to be lowered by closing two schools. The plan includes three phases.

PHASE I

A new school in the Volney area (Pre K-7)  
Optional Classrooms 8-12  
Estimated enrollment 225  
Estimated cost - \$6,000,000

Fries Elementary School - addition/renovation of present Fries School  
Estimated enrollment - 325  
Estimated cost - \$6,400,000

PHASE II

Independence Elementary – addition/renovation  
Estimated enrollment – 450  
Estimated cost - \$10,400,000

East Grayson – Baywood & Fairview

PHASE III

GC High School  
Estimated enrollment – 1000  
Estimated cost - \$18,000,000

Considering a new site

A presentation was given by the architectural firm of Mr. Randy Jones regarding costs and expected inflation rates.

Steven Cornett – Instructional Benefits  
Mr. Newman – Transportation Facilities  
Julie Bare – Financial

There was a discussion and questions  
Meeting adjourned.

GRAYSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2006

A regular meeting of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors was brought to order by Chairman, Ralph Tuggle. Members attending this meeting were: Ralph Tuggle, Thomas Maynard, Doug Carrico, Joe Vaughan, and Larry Bartlett. Mr. William D. Ring also attended this meeting.

IN RE: CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Changes made to the agenda are as follows: Mr. Junior Goad of VDOT is added to the agenda, Supervisor from Carroll County Mr. Jeff Evans will not address the Board. Under the Executive Session, there are 3 personnel issues, one personal issue, 2 economic development issues that will be covered. Under the County Administrator's Report, the Statement of Economic Interest will be covered as required to be filed, and the schedule for Board and Committee of Appointments for next year. The next meeting time will also be set before adjournment, which will be a special called meeting to meet with the representatives of the School Administration for them to formally present their request on the School's Capitol Improvement Program.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe Vaughan moved to approve the minutes as presented, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS

Larry Bartlett moved to approve the payment of claims and statements as presented on December 14, 2006, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report is included in the Board Packets.

IN RE: ROAD REQUESTS

Mr. Goad stated that he would like to have a work session in January with the Board regarding the Six Year Plan. Mr. Goad also announced that Baywood Area Headquarters will be closing and Elk Creek will be closing but will remain a staging area.

IN RE: TOURISM

Donna Correll, Director of Tourism, addressed the Board. Ms. Correll reported that on November 17, she and Mr. Ring traveled to Mountain Lake to the Blue Ridge Travel Association's annual conference and there Grayson County was awarded the 2006 Government Tourism Development Award primarily based on the establishment of a Tourism Task Force in cooperation with Congressman Boucher's Office.

Grayson County hosted the first Entrepreneur Express that was jointly sponsored by Virginia Tourism Corporation, the Small Business Association, Crossroads Institute, and several other partners.

The Virginia Tourism Corporation also has agreed to fund an Equine Study.

#### IN RE: BROADBAND UPDATE

Thomas Maynard addressed the Board regarding the Broadband Task Force. Mr. Maynard provided the Board a list of the short term goals with the status as of this date. The appointments to this Board are in place and the next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2007 at 5 pm.

#### IN RE: TWIN COUNTY COALITION

Kim Brown addressed the Board regarding the Twin County Coalition. She presented the Board with a plaque for their participation in the 2006 Needs Assessment. Ms. Brown also presented the Board with booklets that have been published by the Mount Rogers Christmas Tree association that was written and illustrated by Ms. Young's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Bridle Creek Elementary School. It is the story of the Whitehouse Christmas Tree. Ms. Brown stated that the Assessment went very well and is in Phase 3.

#### IN RE: OFFICE SPACE

Dawn Davis Cox, Commonwealth Attorney for Grayson County, addressed the Board regarding the need for more office space. Ms. Cox informed the Board that their office has grown with the addition of a secretary and an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney. Ms. Cox plans to hire another assistant and has no place to put that person. Ms. Cox also spoke of the security risk in the lobby upstairs due to crowded conditions.

#### IN RE: RECYCLING

Virgil Moore addressed the Board requesting that Brandon Funk build a recycling building for the County. Mr. Moore stated that there was no more space at the recycling facility, estimating that his load had doubled. Christiansburg is the next closest facility according to Mr. Moore. Larry Bartlett requested a business plan and financial statements regarding this facility before June 1<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested that Mr. Moore look to Crossroads Institute for assistance in providing a business plan for the Board to review.

#### IN RE: NEW RIVER PRISON ISSUE

Virgil McBride addressed the Board regarding the proposed prison in Grayson County. Mr. McBride spoke for those who oppose the prison being built in Cox's Chapel. Ralph Tuggle stated that a couple of Board members would be appointed to have discussions with Mr. McBride as to the public meetings that have been requested.

#### IN RE: NORTHWEST NORTH CAROLINA/SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL TOURISM INITIATIVE

Thomas Maynard moved for Grayson County to participate in the Northwest North Carolina/Southwest Virginia Regional Tourism Initiative as a non-voting member, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

#### IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING – GRAYSON INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC

The Grayson Investment Group, LLC has requested a rezoning of TAX MAP 28-A-9. The current zoning of this property is Rural Farm. They are requesting this be changed to Rural Residence. Total acreage is 82. The Grayson County Planning Commission recommends the rezoning of this property by a vote of 7-0. Two comments were received anonymously in support of this request. Recil Wright addressed the Board on behalf of the Grayson Investment Group, LLC. Bob Sullivan spoke in favor of this rezoning and the proposed subdivision. Joe Vaughan moved to approve the rezone request, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-0: Doug Carrico – aye; Thomas Maynard – aye; Ralph Tuggle – aye; Joe Vaughan – aye; Larry Bartlett – aye.

#### IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT ORDINANCE

Gale Rippey and George Wright addressed the Board in favor of the Personal Property Tax Exempt Ordinance. Larry Bartlett moved to adopt the Personal Property Tax Exempt Ordinance, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-0: Doug Carrico – aye; Thomas Maynard – aye; Ralph Tuggle – aye; Joe Vaughan – aye; Larry Bartlett – aye.

#### IN RE: TRANSFER OF SCHOOL FUNDS

Thomas Maynard moved to transfer school funds in the amount of \$2,279,841.00, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

#### IN RE: BIDS FOR PROPANE FUEL SERVICES

Larry Bartlett moved to ask for proposals for the contract for propane fuel services for a three year contract, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Larry Bartlett withdrew his motion and requested that the issue be tabled until January 4, 2007.

#### IN RE: INFORMATION

The Workforce Investment Board provided the latest unemployment statistics listing Grayson County as 128 out of 135 in the state of Virginia. Grayson County remains in the top 10% in unemployment. The Board also received a letter from the Soil & Water Conservation Board regarding the Soil & Water Conservation District.

#### IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ralph E. Tuggle moved to approve an executive session in accordance with Subsection A (1-27) of Section 2.2-3711A-1 Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended for the purpose of discussing 3 personnel issues, one personal issue 2.2-3711A-4 of the Code of Virginia, and two economic development issues 2.2-3711A-5 of the Code of Virginia, duly seconded by Douglas Carrico, motion carried.

Whereas the Grayson County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive meeting on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (II) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors with recorded confirmation from members as follows: Larry K. Bartlett – I so certify; Joe N. Vaughan – I so certify; Ralph E. Tuggle – I so certify; Douglas K. Carrico – I so certify; Thomas M. Maynard – I so certify.

#### IN RE: PERSONNEL

The Board would like the County Administrator to review the position description and duties of the County Animal Control Officer and present to the Board in the regular January meeting recommended revisions to the position and description of the duties of the Animal Control Officer.

The Board would like the County Administrator to investigate the requirements for termination of the County's Early Retirement System and provide those options to the Board at the January Board Meeting.

#### IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ring announced that Ms. Rosemary Morton has submitted her intention to retire. Ms. Morton's work schedule will end around April 1, 2007. Mr. Ring announced that there would be an opening in that position and it would be advertised as soon as possible.

Mr. Ring also announced that it is time for the Statements of Economic Interest to be due. The County Appointments will also be due shortly after the first of the year at the January Board Meeting.

The Fairview Water System meter-reading device has been broken for a while now, and bids have been solicited for proposals to replace the software. Two bids were received. Hughes Water & Sewer submitted a bid price of \$4,186.97 and Carolina Meter and Supply submitted a bid price of \$11,635.19. Mr. Ring recommended that the money to cover this expense to come from Other Economic Development. Larry Bartlett moved to purchase the meter reader from Hughes Water & Sewer to get the water bills going again as soon as possible, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

#### IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bruce Noble addressed the Board, offering his opinions on where the prison should go, his suggestion being between Independence and Galax, and his opinion of a contracting company called PPI. He also stated that he was impressed with the way the Board conducted business.

Being no other business, meeting adjourned until January 3, 2007.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD ADJOURN:

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman